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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:

David WALLACH et al.

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For: TNF MODULATION



Art Unit: 1646

Examiner: D. ROMEO

Washington, D.C.

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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 19, 1999, petition and payment for a three month extension of time attached hereto, please amend as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite claim 28 in amended form as follows:

28(Twice-Amended). A method for identifying and producing a molecule capable of directly or indirectly modulating the [cellular activity modulated or mediated by the intracellular domain] shedding or proteolytic processing of the 26 kDa TNF, comprising:

a) screening for a molecule capable of modulating the [cellular activity modulated or mediated by the intracellular domain] shedding or proteolytic processing of the 26 kDa TNF;

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